

CCP EnviroNews

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CCP and DNR Plan to Renew Their Environmental Cooperative Agreement for Five More Years

Introduction

Building on five years of successful, cooperative efforts, CCP and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hope to renew their Environmental Cooperative Agreement for another five years. The initial agreement, signed in 2001, focused on a project to treat CCP's wastewater so it is no longer hazardous; eliminating the need for CCP's hazardous waste incinerator. CCP committed to cease burning hazardous waste in its incinerator, establish an environmental management system, and seek opportunities for waste minimization, pollution prevention, product stewardship and other environmental benefits at our Saukville facility in cooperation with our neighbors, our customers, the community and the DNR.

As part of this renewed agreement, CCP recommits to continual improvement efforts using its integrated management system. We will continue to focus on waste minimization, pollution prevention, noise and odor prevention, product stewardship, as well as other environmental and sustainability improvements. We will also engage our industrial and commercial neighbors, our customers, the Village of Saukville and Ozaukee County to help encourage local, regional and state environmental improvements. DNR will assist CCP to establish new relationships and engage state and regional partners to foster market-based and community-based opportunities for CCP to generate these environmental improvements.

Public Meeting

DNR and CCP staff will provide information and receive questions and comments on the proposed agreement renewal at a public information meeting:

***Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30 pm
Village of Saukville's Municipal Center,
Community Room
639 E. Green Bay Ave.***

The History

For those of you who are new to the Saukville area or have not seen this newsletter before, let's start with some background information about our facility, the company and the agreement with DNR. The CCP Saukville facility manufactures polyester and alkyd resins used in a variety of applications including coatings, sanitary, building materials, automotive, infrastructure, and marine industries. This facility began resin production in 1949 and employs about 60 employees.

CCP acquired the Saukville facility on December 31, 1990 from Freeman Chemical Corporation. CCP is a Joint Venture of TOTAL Composites Inc., a subsidiary of the global energy company TOTAL based in France, and Curran Composites Inc. of Kansas City, MO. CCP is headquartered in Kansas City, MO and operates within the Resins Division of the TOTAL Chemical Branch.

Our Saukville facility now produces about 60 million pounds of resin per year. Over the past 5 years, we have greatly increased production of water-based dispersions, which now account for almost half of total production.

Achievements under the First CCP-DNR Agreement

- ◆ *CCP created a stakeholder process built on dialogue and trust. We also worked with the community to develop a complaint feedback system that helps us to respond rapidly to odor and noise complaints and make cost-effective investments to eliminate the root causes of these problems.*
- ◆ *CCP removed certain toxic constituents in its waste so that we no longer burn hazardous waste in our incinerator, eliminating the need for a costly hazardous waste license.*
- ◆ *Our employees reduced solvents used for cleaning kettles from 1.7 million to less than 1.2 million pounds a year.*
- ◆ *CCP introduced new product lines of low pollutant coatings and polymers, including water based alkyd resins, that help our customers reduce emissions and meet Clean Air Act requirements.*

Philosophy of the Renewed Agreement

CCP has found that faster and greater environmental gains can be accomplished through partnerships that lead to innovation in CCP product formulation, and the application of such innovative technology through our customers. We continue to develop innovative composite and polymer products that benefit the environment to a degree far greater than may be achieved through operational controls at our Saukville facility.

As part of this renewed agreement, we commit to continual improvement using our integrated

management system and new sustainability initiatives. We commit to a leadership role in sharing our experiences and advancing sustainable business activities in Wisconsin. DNR commits to help CCP develop partnerships and networks in the public and private sectors to improve environmental performance and sustainability through market-based solutions and energy efficiency.

Visions for the Renewed CCP-DNR Agreement

- 1. Continual Improvement at the CCP Saukville Facility--Utilizing the framework of our integrated management system, CCP Saukville achieves continual improvement toward operations excellence, superior environmental performance, and sustainability.**
- 2. Helping the Community and the Region--CCP, DNR and others collaborate to foster sustainable communities in Saukville, Ozaukee County, SE Wisconsin and the entire state by creating environmental improvements that also result in business and governmental efficiencies.**
- 3. Market-Based Environmental Improvements--Together, CCP and DNR drive market-based environmental solutions.**

CCP is going beyond what would otherwise be required in environmental regulations by setting a comprehensive set of goals for the renewed agreement. Both CCP and DNR recognize that some of these are “stretch” goals—they may not be easily attainable but are worthy of a strong effort to achieve them. Priorities for each year will be developed jointly among CCP, DNR and our Community Advisory Committee. CCP and DNR will annually report on progress.

Following are some highlights of the many goals in the renewed agreement. The goals follow from each of the three visions listed above. For a complete list of all the goals, call plant manager Glenn Preisler at 268-3395 to ask for a copy of the renewed agreement.

Goals for CCP's Saukville Facility

- Continue to explore new opportunities to reuse and recycle spent xylene.
- Reduce energy use and greenhouse gas generation.
- Enhance groundwater cleanup on our property.
- Continue the dialogue among CCP, DNR, our neighbors and the Village of Saukville via the Community Advisory Committee and reach out to new stakeholders.
- CCP and DNR meet at least twice a year to review the CCP management system, environmental management projects and permits; to agree on new action items; and then share the outcomes with the public.

Goals for Helping the Community and the Region

- Share the lessons learned from the first CCP-DNR agreement, including community involvement experiences, with other area businesses.
- Help the Village of Saukville and its citizens to individually and collectively assess their environmental impacts and evaluate approaches for addressing environmental, natural resource and sustainability issues.
- Collaborate with the Village to create a forum to talk about environmental and sustainability issues. If successful, try to expand this effort to the SE Wisconsin region.

- Explore opportunities for energy, water and other natural resource conservation or recovery, and other synergies among Saukville businesses and statewide organizations.

Goals for Market-Based Environmental Improvements

- Explore partnerships with the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory and others involved with Wisconsin's forest products industry to develop and demonstrate the use of environmentally beneficial and sustainable CCP products in new composite materials and wood protection products.
- Explore options with contractors, engineering firms, sewerage agencies, and others for the use of sustainable infrastructure, including cured-in-place pipe for sewer relining.
- Support a "by-product synergy" initiative among companies and organizations willing to share information about their wastes and byproducts and explore opportunities for use of these materials to achieve environmental and economic benefits.
- CCP and DNR design a permit framework that enables flexibility, innovation and reduced time to market for new environmentally beneficial CCP products and applications.

Key Efforts Will Continue as Before

Important environmental protection safeguards and community involvement efforts will continue as before under the renewed agreement.

- CCP will implement corrective action measures and monitoring relating to groundwater contamination at our site.
- As long as CCP continues to use its wastewater incinerator, we will monitor flash point and pH to ensure that no hazardous wastes are incinerated.

- CCP will maintain community information exchange and dialogue relating to all aspects of our environmental activities.

**Opportunity for the Public to
Comment**

There is a 30-day public comment period **ending August 25th** associated with this proposed renewal of the Environmental Cooperative Agreement between CCP and DNR. During the 30-day public comment period, DNR will accept written comments regarding the proposed renewal. Submit comments by U.S. mail, Email, or fax to the DNR project manager:
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PO Box 7921
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Email: Lynn.Persson@dnr.state.wi.us
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If you would like a copy of the renewal of the Environmental Cooperation Agreement between CCP and DNR or have any questions or comments about it, contact:

CCP Saukville plant manager Glenn Preisler at 268-3395 or preisler@ccponline.com, or

DNR's Lynn Persson at (608) 267-3763 or Lynn.Persson@dnr.state.wi.us.

You can also download a copy of the draft renewed agreement at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/ecpp>. Click on "Agreements", and then click on the link for Cook Composites and Polymers Co.

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